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From the Editor

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On page 29 are pictures from Coombe at the Monks Kirby Daffodil Sunday.

On page 31 are pictures from the Bank Holiday event at Coombe.

There are some new items for sale starting on page 33.

A few pictures from my visit to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct can be found on page 42.

Members of the public having lessons can be found on page 43.

Coombe Woodturners branded items can be found on page 45. See Lee or Martin to order.

Woodworks at Daventry is on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May. Volunteers please to help with the stand.

Our next demo is a Hands-On sharpening session at Coombe Workshop on Saturday 17th May. Please book a slot.

Regards

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Editor's Jottings

Lee has a lot on his mind at the moment, so I am filling in for him this month.

Woodworks at Daventry is fast approaching. If you have some quality items fo our stand, please put your name on it and drop it in at the workshop.



Make sure it is well wrapped as we don't want to return damaged items. Alternatively, you can bring it along on the day. The show opens at 10am on Friday and finishes at 4pm. Same again on Saturday. It is free to get in and free to park. The address is Daventry Leisure Centre, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP. There are four competitions during the weekend. The club challenge was a tea set that must be on the table ready to be judged on Friday morning. Friday's timed competition is an egg and egg cup. Saturday's timed competition is a carver's mallet. Over the two days, the competition piece is a bowl with legs. There will be a dozen wood-turning clubs, many vendors selling their wares, and half a dozen demonstrators. See the Tudor Rose web site if you want further information. We were judged the Best Stand last year, so we have high standards to meet again this year.

Bill Nicholson's show and tell on segmentation was well attended and enjoyed by all. He explained how he makes his segmented pieces and had lots of jigs and pieces to show. It is all about accurately cutting the segments. Well that and twenty years' experience!

At the Daffodil Sunday event at Newham Paddox, Monks Kirby, we raised approximately £190 for the Air Ambulance selling charity items and raffle tickets. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

The Bank Holiday event was very mixed. With excellent weather on the Sunday, we erected the two Gazebos and displayed our wares both for sale and for charity. We raised £140 for the Air Ambulance. The Monday was cold and wet. We put up the gazebo at the back of the workshop but very few people braved the weather. We packed-up early and were glad to get home.

Our next meeting is a hands-on sharpening session. This will be held at the Coombe Workshop on Saturday May 17th. Rob Sheehan will have his Wolverine sharpening jig and 6" CBN grinder. Graham Ball will demonstrate the Sorby Pro-Edge system. We will sharpen one tool for you. If time permits, you can sharpen other tools under supervision. There will be two sessions. 10 till 12 in the morning and 1 till 3pm in the afternoon. As workshop space is limited, you need to speak to Lee to book a place. If you turn up without a booking, we will do our best, but you may be turned away if the workshop is full.

Regards

Rob

PS - our winning stand from last year's Woodworks at Daventry



One Line Philosopher:

"God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and dead." *William Ellery Channing 1838*

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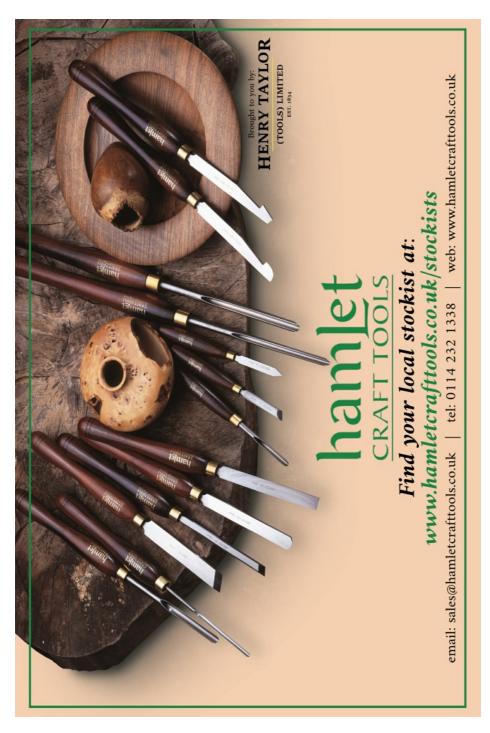
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Talk on Segmentation

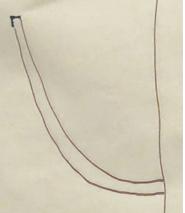
Bill Nicholson 25/4/25

Bill was introduced to the club in 1999 by Roger Warren-Finding. He soon got into segmented wood-turning and has been improving his techniques ever since then. This was his first demonstration for the club.

Bill stressed the need for accurate cutting of the segments and prior planning of the piece to be made. He said that this was how he makes his segmented pieces and others may do it differently.

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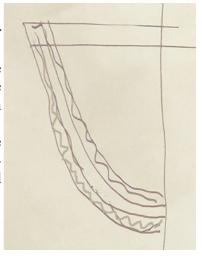
Using the club's new whiteboard/flip chart, Bill showed us how he plans a segmented bowl. First, he draws half of the outside shape, including the required wall thickness. This is drawn to scale so that measurements can be taken directly from the drawing.

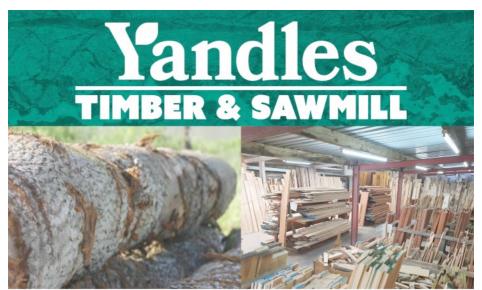


Bill then allows a margin of timber either side of the wall (shown shaded).

Using timber planed square all-round, he places it on the drawing and marks the thickness of one ring. From this, he can measure the size of each segment.

Other rings are then marked. They can be the same thickness are different thicknesses depending on the timber avaiable and the required design.







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3.25	3.25	1.88	1.35	0.87	0.57	0.43	0.28			
3.50	3.50	2.02	1.45	0.94	0.62	0.46	0.31			
3.75	3.75	2.17	1.55	1.00	0.66	0.49	0.33			
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4.25	4.25	2.45	1.76	1.14	0.75	0.56	0.37	3	6	
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4.75	4.75	2.74	1.97	1.27	0.84	0.63	0.42	5	3	
5.00	5.00	2.89	2.07	1.34	0.88	0.66	0.44	6	3	
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5.50	5.50	3.18	2.28	1.47	0.97	0.72	0.48	9	2	
5.75	5.75	3.32	2.38	1.54	1.01	0.76	0.50	10	1	
6.00	6.00	3.46	2.49	1.61	1.06	0.79	0.52	12	1	
6.25	6.25	3.61	2.59	1.67	1.10	0.82	0.55	15	1	
6.50	6.50	3.75	2.69	1.74	1.15	0.86	0.57	18	1	
6.75	6.75	3.90	2.80	1.81	1.19	0.89	0.59	20		
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11.75	11.75	6.78	4.87	3.15	2.07	1.55	1.03			
12.00	12.00	6.93	4.97	3.22	2.12	1.58	1.05			



In the table above, on the right hand side, is a list of the number of segments in a ring and the segment cutting angle.

In the main table, the ring diameter (taken from the drawing) gives the segment length, again depending on the number of segments.



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Bill stressed the need for accurate cutting of the segment angle. His Incra mitre fence can be locked at exactly the required angle. The sliding bar also has grub screws to give a snug fit in the mitre slot on the table saw. Most mitre fences lack the capability to cut accurately. The angles are set manually and there is play in the mitre slot.

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Here are two of Bill's homemade segment cutting sleds.

Both are fully adjustable to cut segments at the required angle for 8, 12, 16 etc., segments.

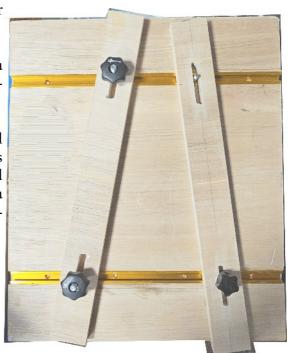
The only problem is, the jig angle must be set up very accurately.

Using his Incra mitre fence, Bill has cut a number of wedges, each with the required angle for a different number of segments in a ring. See the next page for more details.

Alternately, you can use a digital angle finder to accurately set the jigs.

Once set, Bill will do a trial cut of a ring. If the ring is not a perfect fit, Bill will adjust the jig till it makes a tight-fitting ring of segments.





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One of Bill's jig setting wedges. This was cut by Bill using his Incra mitre fence.

360° divided by 12 segments gives an angle of 30°. Divide this by two gives and angle of 15° for each side of the segment.



If the segments nearly fit, a small adjustment can be made on a disc sander. Bill uses this one on his lathe together with a home-made table.

Glue up the segments to make half rings and then sand the open edges until they are a perfect fit.



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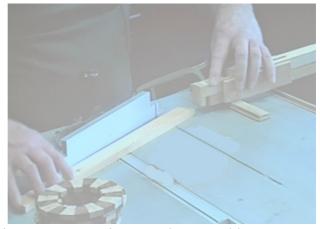


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Above: Bill demonstrating segment cutting on a dummy table saw. Note the length stop in his left hand.

Below: Bill's home-made length stop. The table earlier, gave segment length to two decimal places. This accuracy is not needed but all segments in a ring must be the same length. Bill's length stop gives this repeatability.



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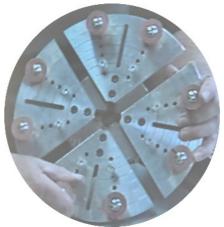


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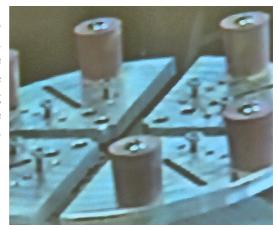
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Before assembling the bowl, each ring must be sanded on the face to give a close fit between the rings. Small rings can be sanded on the disc sander as shown earlier. Larger rings are held in button jaws as sanded with sandpaper on a flat block.

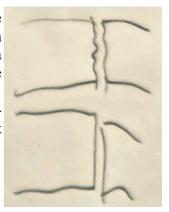


Thin rings cannot be sanded as the buttons get in the way. Bill grips these rings with the screws shown. The sharp edge of the screw grips the ring while it is being sanded. Note - the buttons would be removed to do this.



Bill's preference is to cut segments on a table saw fitted with a fine 80 tooth blade. They can be cut on the band saw but this can leave a ragged edge that would need sanding before segments are glued together.

Bill shows this in his drawing. Above, the ragged edge of a band saw cut. Below, the clean cut from a fine table saw blade.





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Getting segments to meet accurately in the centre is very difficult. Bill usually drills out the centre and uses a solid plug to fill the hole.



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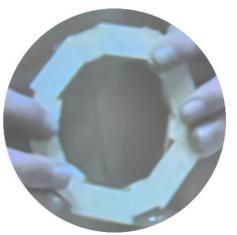


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Bill is experimenting with segments cut at angles. Not very well pictured here are segments cut at an angle rather than vertically to make a ring. Difficult to glue up as the segments try to slide over each other when compressed into a ring.

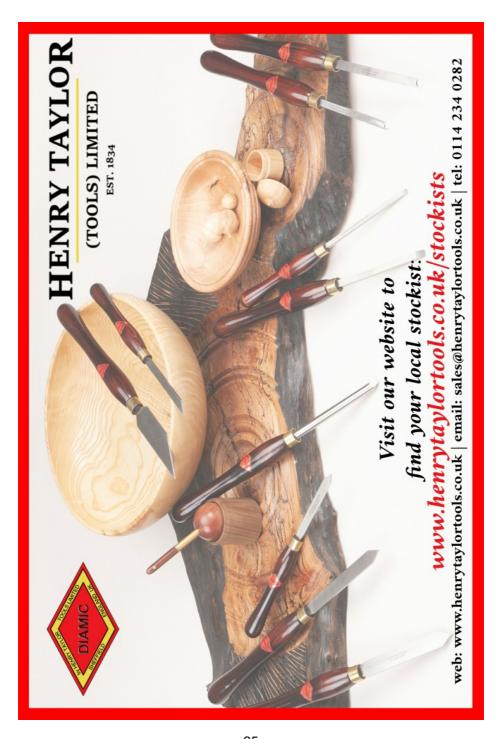


Right: Another of Bill's experiments. Vase made of vertical segments which are then cut horizontally and re-assembled. Could look interesting with veneers between the segments.

Below: An impossible segmented ring. Look closely!







Some of Bill's Work





Some of Bill's Work













Daffodil Sunday 2025

Newham Paddox, Monks Kirby 6/4/2025





Top and Above:

Items for sale and charity items on the Coombe stand.

Right:

Rod at the lathe, turning a spalted beech square bowl.

We made a creditable £190 for the Air Ambulance even though we were not allowed to sell raffle tickets this year.



Daffodil Sunday 2025 - continued







May Day Bank Holiday at Coombe



On a beautiful Bank Holiday, we took approx £140 for Air Ambulance in charity item sales and raffle tickets.



May Day Bank Holiday at Coombe - continued





We had both a powered lathe and the Pole Lathe running. I turned and sold two spalted beech bowls to raise £45 for charity. Rod, Peter and Phil were also on the lathes together with members of the public on the Pole Lathe.





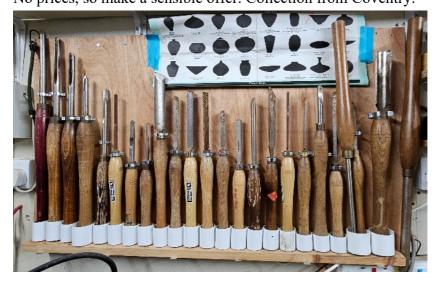
Items For Sale

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The following items are being sold by former Coombe Abbey club member John Roe johneroe@yahoo.co.uk

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John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued





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John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued





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Equipment For Sale - continued

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Equipment For Sale - continued

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- by order of the committee 26/1/25

Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings.

Please phone him on 02476 448311.

Do not book a session without Michael's prior agreement.

Coombe Library

New books & DVDs have been added to the Coombe Library. See Peter Orange if you want to borrow a book. From time to time, Peter will bring the books to demonstrations.

April 50/50 Raffle

TBA.



Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

As a matter of courtesy and to ensure that there is space available to accommodate members wishing to visit other clubs demo's, please use the contact telephone number where shown.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday May 6 Hands-On Preparation for Daventry

Tuesday May 20 Demo Bob Smith

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Friday/Saturday 9/10 May Woodworks@Daventry Thursday 22 May Terry Bray Demonstration

Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 18th May Hands On – Hollow Forms

Contact Chris Jones 07580 195561 crjones5691@gmail.com

West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 7th May AGM

Contact Tom Donnely 01327 349093

Trent Valley Woodturners

Wednesday TBD

Contact Ian Ethell https://www.trentvalleywoodturners.co.uk/contact/

Heart of England Woodturners

Friday May 2nd Planning for Midlands Show

Contact Giles Dugmore (Chair) 0779 2424775

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct



Just over the border in Wales. The aqueduct is 5 minutes walk from the car park. LL14 3SG

https://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk/



Teaching at Coombe Workshop



I'm pleased to share that I've finally completed my set of egg cups! This project has been a great learning experience, refining my skills and deepening my love for woodturning. Each cup is carefully shaped and finished, and I'm really proud of the final result.

A huge thank you to Giles for his guidance and support throughout the process. His knowledge, patience, and encouragement have been invaluable in helping me improve. I truly appreciate the time and effort he has put into teaching and mentoring me.

I started learning woodturning as a new skill for my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

With thanks from Matthew Crawford

Herewith a picture of recent trainee turners Tony (L) and Sean (R). They both came for their first lessons with myself and Bruce Edhouse as teachers a few weeks ago and had a go at spindle turning techniques. They returned on April 8th, to be taught by myself and Pat Hanley. We decided to get them bowl turning, using a couple of blanks kindly donated by Elizabeth Yates. Both Tony and Sean live on narrow boats at Brinklow. Tony had previously attended one of the beginners pottery courses run at Harborough Magna by Midlands Potters Association, where I acted as technician throughout.

Both managed to safely produce a nice bowl. Sean finished his with sealer and wax. Tony wanted to use his for food, so we left it in its raw state and advised what oil to use as protection. Given their restricted living conditions, neither are likely to be buying a lathe, but they enjoyed the experience and were pleased with the results.

Giles



Coombe Woodturners Branded Items for Sale



COOMBE WOODTURNERS CLUB LOGO WEAR

Polo Shirt £16.50

Hoodies

Overhead £26.50

Zipper £28.50

Sweatshirts Crewneck £22.50

Fleece Jacket £24.50

Soft Shell Jacket £31.50

Soft Shell Bodywarmer £27.50

New Style Jacket £28.50

Please order and pay through Lee or Martin

Items take around 2-3 weeks lead time if not in stock

Thank you for supporting your Club

TUDOR ROSE WOODTURNERS



Present

WOODWORKS @ **DAVENTRY 2025**

13th Annual Show FRI 9th Sat 10th May 10am - 4 pm

DAVENTRY LEISURE CENTRE NN11 4FP

Professional Turners 2025

Free Entry

Free Parking

Live Demo's



Emma Cook



Simon Hope



Chris Parker



Mick Hanbury Steve Heeley

Rob Till

Workshop Notice

Coombe Abbey woodturners

As agreed at the AGM on the 4th January 2025

From 1st February 2025 we will be introducing a £1 entry fee into the workshop for all members.

This will include the use of the workshop & equipment Also to include tea & coffee you will also get entry into the 50/50 raffle each day you come into the workshop.

Clarification to the above notice:

The charge does NOT apply to tutors who are teaching a student, nor to committee members when attending a committee meeting.

This will not cover all costs but will go a some way to helping the club to run the workshop through the year and give members a chance of winning a little more money each month.

Thank you for your support

The Committee

Calendar of Events 2025

Month	Date	Day	Location	Event
Jan	4	Sat	\mathbf{W}	AGM 10am Start
	18	Sat	C	Segment making. Graham Ball
Feb	21	Fri	S	Snail, Paddy Byrne
Mar	15	Sat	W	Paul Hannaby
Apr	6	Sun		Daffodil Festival
	25	Fri	S	Segmentation. Bill Nicholson
	18 -	Fri -	C	Easter Festival of Crafts
	21	Mon		
May	09/	Fri/Sat		Woodworks At Daventry
	10/			
	17	Sat	C	Hands-On Sharpening
July	12	Sat	W	Phil Steele Windsor Chair
Sept	6	Sat	W	Scroll Saw. Giovanni Deida
Nov	15	Sat	W	TBD
Dec	13	Sat	W	Christmas Party

Meeting Locations:

- (**W**) Walsgrave Baptist Church, 10am 4pm Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2EX.
- (S) Shilton Village Hall, 6:30pm 9pm Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ
- (C) Coombe Abbey Workshop 10am 12 noon, 1pm 3pm Brinklow Rd, Coventry CV3 2AB

Next Meeting

Hands-On Sharpening with Rob Sheehan & Graham Ball Saturday 17th May. 10 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm Coombe workshop

Coming up

Saturday July 12th. Windsor Chair with Phil Steele. Walsgrave